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THE TRANSMISSION SAFETY AND THE  
DEFECT TOLERANCE IN HIGH-BIT-RATE  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 3, 2004 (Paper No. 13). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.